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SUBJECT: ARREST OF SOVIET AGENT

1. GERMAN NEWS AGENCY DPA REPORTED ON NOVEMBER 26 THE ARREST OF A MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF THE SOVIET TRADE MISSION IN COLOGNE FOR INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE. ACCORDING TO DPA DISPATCH THE SOVIET WAS CARRYING A LARGE SUM OF MONEY AND INTELLIGENCE EQUIPMENT AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST.

2. FONOFF HAS CONFIRMED THE ARREST TO US. THEY CHARACTERIZED THE AGENT AS A "SMALL FISH" AND CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS ON THE STAFF OF THE TRADE MISSION IN COLOGNE AND DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC STATUS. THE SOVIET EMBASSY HAS PROTESTED THE ARREST, CLAIMING THAT THE MAN SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A DIPLOMAT. THE FRG HAS NOT YET DETERMINED WHAT DISPOSITION TO MAKE OF THE CASE.

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